The ACADEMY for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research

Advancing Innovation in Imaging Science

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Academy Policy & Legislative Update

Dear Academy friends,

Future of Health: Hill Day & Medical Imaging Technology Showcase
On Tuesday, March 24th, 55 advocates participated in 87 House and Senate meetings, across 20 states. In these meetings, participants advocated for robust, increased funding for medical imaging research. In the evening, we hosted the 2026 Congressional Medical Imaging Technology Showcase, during which 18 researchers showcased cutting-edge advances in medical imaging to Congressional representatives and staff.

Thank you to the participating imaging societies for their support and efforts!

We will be sharing more information, including notes and photos, soon.

The Academy's 2026 Research Roundtable Discussion
This week, the Academy hosted its annual Research Roundtable at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) building in Washington, DC. The event brought together representatives from 15 medical imaging societies, more than 20 representatives from federal agencies, several industry leaders, and dozens of imaging researchers covering a wide range of subspecialties. Opening remarks were given by previous NIH Director Dr. Elias Zerhouni and current NIBIB Director Dr. Bruce Tromberg.

Participants engaged in focused discussions on two key priorities: developing a collaborative, strategic approach to prepare for AI-driven advances in imaging research and strengthening the research pipeline by supporting investigators at every career stage. These conversations emphasized the importance of coordination across organizations to ensure the field remains innovative, well-supported, and positioned for future growth.

The Academy will lead follow-up efforts, including the development of white papers, to keep the community informed on the outcomes and next steps from these strategic discussions. You can view the agenda and find more information below.

Click here to view the Roundtable agenda.
Click here to view the PowerPoint slides from the discussion.
Click here to view the attendee list.

If you attended the Roundtable and are interested in contributing to the White Paper, please reach out.

Appropriations Updates

President's budget
The White House tentatively aims to release President Donald Trump's fiscal 2027 budget proposal the week of March 30. Few details of the spending plan have been disclosed.

Senators Collins and Murray Release FY2027 Appropriations Guidance
On March 18, Senators Susan Collins and Patty Murray released guidance for FY2027 programmatic, language, and Congressionally Directed Spending requests. General guidance for FY2027 appropriations requests is available HERE.

Request for Information (RFI): Inviting Comments and Suggestions on a Framework for the NIH-Wide Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2027-2031
NIH invites input from stakeholders throughout the scientific research, advocacy, and clinical practice communities, as well as the general public, regarding the proposed framework for the FY27-FY31 NIH-Wide Strategic Plan.

Comments will be accepted until May 26, 2026.
Click here to submit comments.

MEDIA

"Halfway Through the Fiscal Year, NIH Has Only Obligated 15% of Research Funding"

"NIH grant terminations affected women scientists more than men, study finds"

"Data Show Dramatic Slowdown in NIH Grantmaking"

"Researchers surveyed by STAT detail the toll of grant cuts: labs shutting down, data unanalyzed"

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